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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN
RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604(e),
Regarding Mines in American Fork Canyon, Utah

Dear Mr. Banks:

Your January 31, 2001, response to our request for information pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), regarding mines in American Fork Canyon, Utah contained the following statement in response to Question No. 3:

“On November 29, 2000, Respondent quitclaimed the surface rights in those claims to Homestake, LLC, and the mineral rights in those claims to Hot Stuff, LLC.”

Your response concerned the claims at Wild Dutchman, First Northerly Extension of the Wild Dutchman, and New Idea acquired by Snowbird, Ltd. on August 8, 1988. A search of the documents you provided with your response has failed to locate any documents supporting the above statement.

Copies of all documents related to your above response are necessary for the Forest Service to conclude our Potentially Responsible Party search and negotiations. You are requested to provide those copies by close of business on April 19, 2001, to:

Ted Fitzgerald, On-Scene Coordinator
Uinta National Forest
88 West 100 North
Provo, UT 84601

Gary Fremmerman, Attorney
USDA Office of General Counsel
14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3351
Washington, D.C. 20250

Snowbird, Ltd., Richard Bass, or other principals and agents have held ownership interests in other properties in American Fork Canyon that are being considered for removal and disposal of contaminated mining wastes by the Forest Service and Environmental Protection Agency. This request is extended to include all other properties in American Fork Canyon fitting the above



description that Snowbird, Ltd. and/or any of its principals, agents, affiliates, predecessors, or successors, have conveyed to other entities after August 24, 1998, the date of the Forest Service's first 104(e) request to Snowbird Ski Resort.

Your letter submitting the requested documents is to contain all known names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the principals and agents of the parties who have received any new ownership interest in any properties in American Fork Canyon, listed by claim. We also request that you clarify, by claim, any continued ownership interests in American Fork Canyon that are held by Richard Bass, Snowbird, Ltd., or its principals, agents, affiliates, predecessors, or successors.

If you have any technical questions relating to this request, you may contact Suzanne Buntrock at (801) 625-5454. Any legal questions should be addressed to Mr. Fremerman by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 720-8041.

The individual preparing the response shall complete and sign the enclosed notarized certificate. Please note that it is important that the certificate be notarized by a notary public.

We appreciate and look forward to your cooperation and prompt response to this information request.

Sincerely,

Jack G. Troyer

JACK A. BLACKWELL
Regional Forester

Enclosures

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